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SENTENCES FOR FELONY

the maximum punishment for which shall not exceed years' imprisonment in the state prison, and who is held in custody therefor, setting out that he is held as aforesaid, and that he is guilty of the offence so charged, and that he desires to plead guilty thereto, and to have judgment forthwith passed upon him therefor, and requesting the court to direct the district attorney to file an information against him charging him with the commission of such offence, the court, or any judge thereof, may direct that such information be filed by the district attorney, and upon the same being done, such person shall, without unnecessary delay, be brought before the court, as upon indictment by a grand jury, and after the court shall have heard the plea of guilty on the part of such person, to the charge contained in the information, and his statement of the facts indicating his guilt, and whatever such person may submit relevant to the proper disposition of the case, the court shall pass judgment, and make disposition of the case in all respects as though the accused person had been duly adjudged guilty upon an indictment regularly returned by the grand jury.

SECTION 2. All courts having jurisdiction to try and determine and make disposition of criminal actions, involving charges of felony, are fully authorized and empowered to proceed in the manner hereinbefore mentioned.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

R. H. G.

Relative to Aiding Discharged Prisoners.—(Mass. House, 11078.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The agent employed to aid prisoners discharged from the state prison may, with the approval of the prison commissioners, assist during office hours, such other discharged prisoners, found to be needy and deserving, as can be helped without expense to the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. So much of chapter eight hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year 1913 as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

R. H. G.

Relative to Sentences for Felony.—(Mass. House, 1066.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. If a convict is sentenced to the state prison, for a crime committed after the passage of this act, except for life or as an habitual criminal, the court shall not fix the term of imprisonment, but shall merely impose a sentence to the state prison. Whoever is so sentenced to the state prison may be held therein for the longest term fixed by law for the punishment of the offence of which he has been convicted.

If a convict is sentenced to the house of correction for a felony, excepting for a term of two years or less, the court shall not fix the term of imprisonment, but shall merely impose a sentence to the house of correction. Whoever is sentenced to the house of correction for an unfixed term, as aforesaid, may be held therein for the longest term of imprisonment in a house of correction fixed by law for the punishment of the offence of which he has been convicted.

If a convict is sentenced to the state prison or is sentenced to a house of correction for an unfixed term, as aforesaid, for two or more felonies, he may be held for a term equal to the aggregate of the maximum terms fixed by law